


**REMARKS**

The Applicants respectfully suggest that each of the claims presently in the application is distinct over the prior art and that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicants request that the claims be allowed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

**Min Cao et al.**

BY:   
**Timothy Rex Croll**  
Reg. No. 36,771

Date: **February 4, 2000**  
Ph. No.: **(650) 857-4881**

Hewlett-Packard Company  
Legal Department, M/S 20BN  
P.O. Box 10301  
Palo Alto, CA 94303-0890